



**LIQUOR & MARIJUANA AUTHORITY MEETING
PUEBLO MUNICIPAL JUSTICE CENTER
200 SOUTH MAIN ST**

**FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2026
1:30 PM**

Individuals Requiring Special Accommodations Should Notify the City's ADA Coordinator at (719) 553-2295 by Noon on the Friday Preceding the Meeting.

Agenda

CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL - 1:30 PM

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

D1 Reading and Approval of the Pueblo Liquor and Marijuana Authority hearing July 17, 2026, at distributed.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed in this portion of the agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless the Authority or a citizen so requests; in which event, the item will be removed and considered in the Regular Agenda.

E1 Modification of Premises - Fermented Malt Beverage & Wine Retailer Liquor License - Change of Trade Name - Mini Mart Inc, DBA: Loaf n Jug #750028; New Trade Name: Cumberland Farms #750028, 120 S. Santa Fe.

E2 Approval of the Consent Agenda as read

F. REGULAR AGENDA

F1 Special Event Application - Beer, Wine & Spiritious Liquor - HARP, 130 Riverwalk Place, Event Dates: August 21st, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Event Manager: Shayla Keys

F2 Special Event Application - Beer, Wine & Spiritious Liquor -Sangre de Cristo Arts & Conference Center Gala, 210 N. Santa Fe Event, Dates: August 14th, 4 p.m. - 11 p.m. Event Manager: Cathrine Magby

F3 Retail Establishment Permit - Pueblo Performing Art Guild, dba: Pueblo Arts

**Alliance, 107 S. Grand Ave, Permit Manager: Chrintina McCann, Event dates:
8/07/26 (5pm-9pm), 9/04/26 (5pm-9pm), 10/02/26 (5pm-9pm),10/10/26 (1pm - 5 pm)
11/06/26 (5pm-9pm), 12/04/26(5pm-9pm), 01/08/27 (5pm-9pm), 02/05/27 (5pm-9pm),
03/05/27 (5pm-9pm), 04/02/27 (5pm-9pm), 05/07/27 (5pm-9pm), 06/04/27 (5pm-9pm),
07/02/27 (5pm-9pm)**

F4 Modification of Premises - Manager Change - FMB&WR Liquor License - Dillon Companies LLC, dba: King Soopers #43, 102 W. 29th Street. New Manager: Steffi Abeyta.

F5 Modification of Premises - FMB&WR Liquor License - Dillon Companies LLC, dba: King Soopers #12, 3050 W. Northern Ave.

G. ADJOURN



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MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Judge Dunford called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL - 1:30 PM

Judge Neslon Dunford, and Deputy City Clerk Vincent Petkosek, and Assistant City Attorney Elizabeth Sexton-Drake, Taylor Cornwell City Clerks Office.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Judge Dunford approved the agenda as distributed.

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

D1 Reading and Approval of the Minutes from the June 26, 2026, meeting of the Pueblo Liquor and Marijuana Authority.

Judge Dunford approved the agenda as posted.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

E1 Special Event Application - Beer, Wine & Spiritious Liquor - St. Leander Catholic Parish, 1402 E. 7th, Event Dates: August 8th / 3 p.m. - 10 p.m., August 9th, 2026 / 11 a.m. - 9 p.m., 2026.

Claudia Tafoya appeared in person and spoke about this church festival.

Ms. Tafoya answered questions and addressed comments made by Judge Dunford.

E2 Modification of Premises - Fermented Malt Beverage & Wine Retailer Liquor License - Change of Trade Name - Mini Mart Inc, DBA: Loaf n Jug #750037, New Trade Name: Cumberland Farms #750037, 3980 Ivywood Ln.

E3 Modification of Premises - Fermented Malt Beverage & Wine Retailer Liquor License - Change of Trade Name - Mini Mart Inc, DBA: Loaf n Jug #750014, New Trade Name: Cumberland Farms #750014, 1201 S. Pueblo Blvd.

E4 Reading and Approval of the Consent Agenda for July 17, 2026

Judge Dunford approved the Minutes from the July 17, 2026, meeting of the Pueblo Liquor and Marijuana Authority.

F. REGULAR AGENDA

F1 Transfer of Ownership - Continuance - Flame Liquor - Retail Liquor License - Samir Investments LLC, dba: Flame Liquor, 2225 Lake Ave, Owner: Luwam Dawit, 3425 Bella Luna Drive, Pueblo, CO 81001.

Dawit Luwam, Owner
Kris Hoeltgen, Attorney
Sara Woldemariam Interpreter

Judge Dunford called this items. The interpreter was having technical problems and the judge called the next item.

Judge Dunford swore in Ms. Luwam, Ms. Hoeltgen, Mr. Mehari and Ms. Woldemariam.

Ms. Luwam, Ms. Hoeltgen, answered questions and addressed comments made by Judge Dunford.

Assistant City Attorney Sexton informed the court of a possible liquor violation. The City Clerks office received information that the clerk of Flame liquor was consuming alcohol while on duty.

The judge was not satisfied with the answer provided by the defendant.

Judge Dunford continued the transfer of ownership for Samir Investments LLC, dba: Flame Liquor, 2225 Lake Ave until August 14, 2026, to allow a Show Cause Notice to be issued.

F2 Hearing - New Beer & Wine Liquor License - Chipotle Mexician Grill Inc, dba: Chipotle Mexican Grill # 5646, 2065 W. Pueblo Blvd, John Hartung, President, Adam Rymer, CFO/Treasurer, Helen Kaminski, Secretary.

Brian Profit, Attorney
Priscila Escobar - Chiploti Mexican Grill
Eve Garrison, Liquorpro

Deputy City Clerk Petkosek confirmed the Public Notice was posted in the required time frame.

Deputy City Clerk Petkosek said that the location is not complete, and no inspection has taken place.

Judge Dunford swore in Mr. Profit, Ms. Garrison and Ms. Escobar.

The presenter answered questions and addressed comments made by Judge Dunford.

Public Hearing

Seeing no one wishing to speak, Judge Dunford closed the public hearing.

Judge Dunford approved the new Beer & Wine Liquor License for Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc, dba: Chipotle Mexican Grill #5646, 2065 W. Pueblo Blvd.

Judge Dunford read the Findings and Order for the record.

F3 Hearing - New Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License - RARE Hospitality International Inc, dba: Longhorn Steakhouse #5725, 5770 N. Elizabeth Street, GMRI Inc, Parent Co, Angela Simmons, President, Lindsay Koren, Vice President, Colleen Lyons, Assistant Secretary.

Brian Profit, Attorney
Destinee Carucci, Longhorn Steakhouse.
Eve Garrison, Liquorpro

Deputy City Clerk Petkosek confirmed the Public Notice was posted in the required time frame.

Deputy City Clerk Petkosek spoke that the location is not complete, and no inspection has taken place.

Mr. Profit, Ms. Carucci, and Ms. Garrison were sworn in by Judge Dunford.

Mr. Profit, Ms. Carucci, and Ms. Garrison answered questions and addressed comments made by Judge Dunford.

Public Hearing

Seeing no one wishing to speak, Judge Dunford closed the public hearing.

Judge Dunford approved the new Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License for RARE Hospitality International Inc, dba: Longhorn Steakhouse #5725, 5770 N. Elizabeth Street.

Judge Dunford read the Findings and Order for the record.

G. ADJOURN

Judge Dunford adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.